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RESPONSE TO JANUARY 27, 2003 OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 27, 2003, for which the three-month date for response was April 27, 2003. A request for a two-month extension was made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (a) with authorization to deduct the required fees according to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), which brings the date for response to June 27, 2003, which is within the statutory period. No additional fees are believed to be associated with filing this response; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason,